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AUGUST CROP PRICES DOWN

SIOUX FALLS, August 31, 2009 -- Preliminary August prices were down from July for corn, soybeans and wheat, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for barrows and gilts were down, while calves were up.

For August, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.50, was down \$1.00 from last month and down \$2.53 from last August. The spring wheat price, at \$4.88, was 89 cents lower than last month and \$3.18 lower than last year. The August soybean price, at \$10.30, was 20 cents lower than last month and \$2.30 lower than last year. The corn price, at \$3.10, was down 45 cents from last month and down \$1.81 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$13.00, was down 70 cents from last month and down \$11.90 from last year.

The preliminary August barrow and gilt price, at \$39.90, was down \$5.50 from last month and down \$24.50 from last year, while sows, at \$32.10, were up \$5.80 from July but down \$7.40 from August 2008.

The preliminary August steer and heifer price, at \$86.30, was up 30 cents from July but down \$17.70 from August of last year. Calves, at \$114.00, were up \$3.00 from last month and up \$2.00 from August 2008.

The August alfalfa price, at \$76.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month but down \$24.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$62.00, was down \$4.00 from last month and down \$16.00 from August 2008.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	August 2008 ¹	July 2009 ¹	August 2009 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	4.91	3.55	3.10
Soybeans	Bu.	12.60	10.50	10.30
Sunflower	Cwt.	24.90	13.70	13.00
Wheat, All	Bu.	7.48	5.53	4.55
Winter	Bu.	7.03	5.50	4.50
Other Spring	Bu.	8.06	5.77	4.88
Barley, All	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	2.94	1.93	1.75
Hay, All	Ton	97.00	75.00	74.00
Alfalfa	Ton	100.00	76.00	76.00
Other	Ton	78.00	66.00	62.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	97.20	85.00	85.30
Cows	Cwt.	61.70	51.90	51.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	104.00	86.00	86.30
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	112.00	111.00	114.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	60.90	42.50	38.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	64.40	45.40	39.90
Sows	Cwt.	39.50	26.30	32.10
Lambs	Cwt.	103.00	101.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	18.30	26.10	NA

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Over 500 lbs. ⁴ Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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